

SENATE RESOLUTION
8742

By Senators Brown, Spanel, Finkbeiner, Hale, Benton, Berkey, Brandland, Carlson, Deccio, Doumit, Eide, Esser, Fairley, Franklin, Fraser, Hargrove, Haugen, Hewitt, Honeyford, Horn, Jacobsen, Johnson, Kastama, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, McCaslin, Morton, Mulliken, Murray, Oke, Parlette, Pflug, Poulsen, Prentice, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Schmidt, Sheahan, T. Sheldon, Shin, Stevens, Swecker, Thibaudeau, Winsley and Zarelli

WHEREAS, Betti Sheldon has served the 23rd District well for 12 years by providing a strong voice in the Legislature for the residents of the Kitsap Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sheldon has been unflagging in her efforts to meet the unique transportation needs of Kitsap residents who rely upon ferries and good roads for their livelihood and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sheldon has been a tireless advocate for the many small businesses in her district, first serving as the executive director of the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce, and more recently, on numerous legislative and gubernatorial committees, including the Small Business Improvement Council and the Governor's Regulatory Reform Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sheldon has been a consistently strong voice in support of issues affecting the lives of women, championing legislation that has benefited women who have been subjected to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sheldon's attention to budget matters has proved beneficial to the city of Bremerton and the 23rd District, making it a better place to live and work thanks to the state's financial support of Olympic Community College, Bremerton's Maritime Park, and the Kitsap County Emergency Services Readiness Center; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sheldon's long tenure as the Democratic floor leader has been distinguished by her "cat-like reflexes," steady hand, and unflappable grace under pressure; and

WHEREAS, More than all her accomplishments as a key player on the Democrats' leadership team and as a member of the Senate, Senator Sheldon will be most remembered by her colleagues for her sterling demeanor: Down-to-earth, quick to smile, ever even-tempered, lavish in her appreciation of the work of others, a legislator who takes her job, but not herself seriously, to wit a "class act" that the Senate will truly miss;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate Betti Sheldon on a job well and faithfully done and wish her the best for the remainder of her term in the Senate and in her next challenge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately transmit copies of this resolution to Senator Betti Sheldon; her three sons, Daniel, Patrick, and Colin Sheldon; and her two daughters, Erin Sheldon and Shannon Russell.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8742,
adopted by the Senate
March 11, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate